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ENOCH T. VAN CAMP

Mayor of Lavallette. Has known Henry Stevens about 12 years.

OBSERVATIONS ON SEPT. 14, 1922.

Fished a great deal with Henry Stevens. On night of 9/14/22 was fishing along beach, moving from place to place from time to time. Heard someone (identity unknown) say: "Well, Arthur Applegate has caught an awful big blue fish and Henry Stevens weighed it ***". Shortly thereafter Applegate came along beach carrying two fish and said to Van Camp: "Well, I have got the biggest fish of the season; Henry Stevens weighed it." At this time Van Camp was near Magee Avenue, one block from Henry Stevens' home, which is on Brown Avenue and the beach. Van Camp threw in his line and, moving slowly from the direction of Magee Avenue to Brown Avenue, noticed Eger and Henry Stevens fishing on his right facing the beach. At this time Van Camp was near Brown Avenue. Saw Henry Stevens sitting on a box with his line in the water about twenty (20) feet away. Greeted him. It was pretty dark then. Shortly before Mrs. Van Camp came to Van Camp on the beach, suggesting that ~~since~~ it was chilly and stating that she would go home and prepare supper. She left. A little while later Van Camp drew in his line and, as he left, noticed Henry Stevens in the same position on the box with his line in the water. Also noticed several other men fishing south of him. He does not recall how many or their names.

Van Camp went home without any stops. Time consumed was about five (5) minutes. His wife called his attention to the hour as he came indoors, saying it was 9 o'clock. Van Camp set his box and pole down and immediately went into kitchen. As he did he heard clock strike nine. Knows it was Eastern Standard Time, because he never changes his watch and clock from Eastern to Daylight Time. He operated the school bus and was in habit of comparing watch every day with railroad clock and then setting house clock according to his watch.

REASONS FOR REMEMBERING OCCURRENCES SEPT. 14, 1922.

Remembers the events of 9/14/22 because of a transaction of a very important nature which occurred the following day, Friday. On Saturday afternoon heard that Henry Stevens had received a telegram that his brother-in-law was dead. Later somebody told him that he had been murdered. On Saturday night, while going over some papers in his safe, he came across something which reminded him of the private transaction that occurred on Friday night and said to his wife that they had good cause to remember that transaction because of its happening on the night after the murders.

HENRY STEVENS' OPERATION OF AUTOMOBILE.

Has ridden in Henry Stevens' Ford station wagon many times. Saw him almost every day in 1922 and consulted with him regarding Lavallette affairs, Henry Stevens being on Water, Finance